

# Appendix F: Notes for Citing MEDLINE® / PubMed®

*Citing Medicine* rules follow the National Information Standards Organization (NISO) recommendations. NLM practice does not always follow NISO standards in MEDLINE/PubMed citations for a variety of reasons.

The following are exceptions to NISO standards and *Citing Medicine* for nine citation elements found in Chapter 1A Journal Articles and Chapter 23A Journal Articles on the Internet.

## 1. For Author

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**MEDLINE/PubMed:**

- also shows the full names of authors, when available, in MEDLINE and XML displays (since 2002)
- records the organization names as given in the journal article. There are no standardization rules
- places editor or translator names in the author position of a citation when an author name can't be found. However, the role of "editor" or "translator" does not follow the name

**MEDLINE/PubMed does not:**

- display ISO country codes following organization names of national bodies that don't include nationality in the name
- translate non-English organizational names

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## 2. For Author Affiliation

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**MEDLINE/PubMed:**

- includes the affiliation of the first author only
- takes the affiliation as given in the article
- includes "USA" at the end of the affiliation for all US authors (since 1995)

**MEDLINE/PubMed does not:**

- standardize the author affiliation field
- add information about the city, state or country of an organization
- change the order of the organization and department. The order is as the publisher gives it in the article.

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### 3. For Article Title

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**MEDLINE/PubMed:**

- displays only the English language title for two or more equal languages, but indicates all languages of publication
- omits the fonts of superscripts and subscripts when they cannot be reproduced and the meaning is not compromised. For example, H<sub>2</sub>O is commonly recognized as water; however, 10<sub>6</sub> will be displayed as 10(6)

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## 4. For Article Type

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- MEDLINE/PubMed does not index individual meeting abstracts
- Letters to the editor are indicated only under publication type in the Abstract and Citation displays, and in the PT field in the MEDLINE view

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## 5. For Journal Title

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After NLM establishes an abbreviation for a title, it usually stays that way in MEDLINE/PubMed, even if the rules change. You may see contradictory abbreviations for some words in titles; for example:

*Academy of Management Journal* abbreviated as Acad Manage J in 1963

*but*

*Access Management Journal* abbreviated as Access Manag J in 2003

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## 6. For Edition

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After NLM establishes an abbreviation for a title with an edition, the abbreviation usually stays that way in MEDLINE/PubMed, even if the rules change. You may see contradictory abbreviations for some titles with editions; for example:

*Archives of Disease in Childhood. Fetal and Neonatal Edition.* was established as

Arch Dis Child Fetal Neonatal Ed

*not*

Arch Dis Child (Fetal Neonatal Ed)

*but*

*British Medical Journal. Clinical Research Edition.* was established as Br Med J (Clin Res Ed)

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## 7. For Type of Medium

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- NLM indexes Internet journals, but does not currently display a type of medium for them
- NLM does not currently index journals in microform, CD-ROM, DVD, or audiovisual format

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## **8. For Physical Description**

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- NLM does not currently index journals in microform, CD-ROM, DVD, or audiovisual format

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## 9. For Language

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- MEDLINE/PubMed displays citation information only in English, but indicates all languages of publication. Translated article titles are shown in brackets to indicate a translation.

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